

Examiners Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 22-28 directed to an invention nonelected without traverse.

- Please cancel claims 22-28.
- In claim 1, please delete "wherein the composite has a 1% secant modulus in the machine direction of at least about 150,000 psi " and insert in its place --wherein the composite has a 1% secant modulus in the machine direction of at least 150,000 psi--.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Leigh Gregory on November 25, 2008.

Reasons for allowance

3. Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are allowed and renumbered as claims 1-19.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest the recited multilayer, oriented thermoplastic composite further including a 1% secant modulus in the machine direction of at least 150,000 psi. Additionally, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the recited oriented thermoplastic composite further including a 1% secant modulus in the machine direction of at least 150,000 psi. The prior art does not teach motivation or suggestion for modification to make the invention as instantly claimed.

Any comments considered by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence Ferguson whose telephone number is 571-272-1522. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Keith Hendricks, can be reached on 571-272-1401. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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